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ASSISTANCE TO THE CONGO

Note by the Administrator

I. BACKGROUND

1. The second extension of the third country programme for the Congo was approved by the Governing Council in its decision 93/20 of 18 June 1993.

2. As a result of the present political crisis in the country, it is not feasible to formulate the fourth country programme. It is impossible to foresee how long the present crisis will last. The Government has therefore requested that United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assistance should be provided on a case-by-case basis until further notice.

3. In December 1993, the Government adopted an economic and social reform programme. During 1994, UNDP assistance will focus on support to the priorities defined by the Government through ongoing activities and programmes to be determined in collaboration with the Government.

II. EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

4. In view of the above, the Executive Board may wish to:

Authorize the Administrator to approve assistance to the Congo on a case-by-case basis within the financial limitations of its established indicative planning figure framework.

The Administrator assures the Board that the situation will be reviewed on a continuing basis and that regular country programming will be resumed as soon as conditions permit.

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